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## GEORGIA SOLDIERS' HOME BURNED

### Haven of Rest For Aged and Infirm Followers of Lee Reduced to Pile of Smoking Ruins.

#### INMATES ESCAPE IN SAFETY

Temporary Quarters Are Quickly Provided For the Homeless Ones. Movement Immediately Begun For Rebuilding the Structure.

The Georgia Soldiers' Home, in the suburbs of Atlanta, was totally destroyed by fire Monday morning.

Of the seventy inmates of the home, including eight invalids, all were taken from the home with safety.

Nothing was saved from the building except a few personal effects of the old veterans. In some instances the men came out of the home with nothing but what they wore.

The fire started shortly after eight o'clock, and was first discovered by Dr. E. S. Bryan, the surgeon of the home. At 8:30 o'clock Dr. Bryan went into the lavatory, which was located in the center of the building on the first floor.

In the lavatory the Smead system of disposing of the refuse was used. Daily the crematory in connection with the lavatory was fired up.

The negro porter who started these fires placed a wheelbarrow load of shaving and other timber from the premises into the furnace Monday morning. The fire burned fiercely and broke through the top of the furnace.

When Dr. Bryan went into the department he noticed the flames. He ran out and asked if the flames were not too high.

Superintendent James L. Wilson, seeing the condition of the fire quickly gave the alarm. By this time the flames had commenced to burn the woodwork in the vicinity of the furnace.

The smoke was pouring into the center of the house in great volumes, and owing to the draft at this place the flames spread rapidly.

The sight of the smoke brought all the veterans able to be out to the building. Eight invalid soldiers were in the building and these were taken out.

The fire apparatus which extended throughout the building was put into use. Two large tanks of water on the top of the building were turned on.

Demoralization, however, prevailed among the old men on the premises, and the hose in the home was not long enough to reach to the fire.

No check on this account could be given the flames. In twenty minutes the building could not be entered, and all hope of saving it or the contents of the home, even the personal effects of the old veterans was gone.

The Atlanta fire department was notified, and Chief Joyner responded with a hook and ladder wagon from headquarters. When the firemen reached the home the entire roof was gone and they could do nothing.

Within an incredibly short time a grim array of blackened chimneys, rising like specters from a smoldering, shapeless mass of charred and twisted debris, was all that was left of the abode that for the brief space of four months only had sheltered the confederate soldiers of Georgia who claimed it as their home.

The Soldier's Home was insured for \$10,000. Five thousand of this amount is with the Hamburg-Bremen and \$5,000 with the Scottish Union National Insurance Company.

The work of the people of the state, covering a period of nearly twelve years, to provide a home which they had long owed to the surviving remnant of gray-haired soldiers of the days of civil strife was swept away even as the doors had just swung open to these true and fearless heroes.

The Home, with the additions and improvements that had been made thereon, represented a cost of \$30,000. Inside the building were furnishings to the amount of \$3,500. The building was insured for \$10,000 and the furniture for \$2,000. The actual loss, therefore, is something more than \$20,000. The building was a three-story frame

#### MCKINLEY WILL PROBATED.

Judge Day and Secretary Cortelyou Appointed Administrators.

At Canton, O., Monday the will of President McKinley was admitted to probate by Judge August. The court appointed Judge William R. Day and Secretary George B. Cortelyou administrators of the estate. A joint administrator's bond of \$100,000 was filed. In the application for letters testamentary Judge Day and Secretary Cortelyou say that the amount of personal property left by the late president will be about \$140,000 and of real estate about \$70,000, aggregating about \$210,000.

#### HEISTAND ON THE RACK.

Senate Committee Investigates Alleged Manila Hemp Combination.

At Washington Monday the senate sub-committee of the committee on military affairs, consisting of Senators Hawley, chairman; Crocker, Burrows, Cockrell and Harris, began the investigation of charges against Lieutenant Colonel H. O. S. Heistand, of the army, in connection with the alleged Manila hemp combination.

#### CHURCH FOR ROOSEVELT.

Little Building in Washington to Be Replaced By Imposing Edifice.

The executive committee of the Home Mission Board of the Reformed Church in America at a meeting in Pittsburgh Monday night laid the plans at the opening session of its quarterly meeting for a new memorial church at Washington to replace Grace church, in which President Roosevelt worshipped. All the English speaking synods of the church in this country will be asked to contribute.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS.

#### Watching Prescription Clerks.

The State Pharmaceutical Association has employed inspectors to see that drug stores do not employ prescription clerks who are not legally qualified. These inspectors have recently made six arrests, the proprietors being indicted.

#### Jones Suggested For Governor.

Great pressure is being brought to bear on Colonel Willie Jones, of Columbia, to enter the race for governor in the next election. Colonel Jones has already announced that he would be a candidate for the United States senate against Senator McLaurin.

#### Bolt Finally Caused Death.

The death of J. Andrew Cullum, of Ridge Spring, Lexington county, from a stroke of lightning received two months ago, is a remarkable case. Mr. Cullum was one of the most prominent men in his county. He was one of the largest fruit growers and poultry fanciers in this state. In the latter part of July he was struck by lightning. His shoes were torn off and there were burned places on his left side. Mr. Cullum was picked up unconscious, but soon rallied, and in a few days was out again. But the spot burned by lightning would not heal. Carbunkles formed on the burns and sapped his strength and life.

#### Schools Are Booming.

Despite the unfavorable crop prospects in South Carolina, the colleges for men and women have opened up with more students than ever before. Last year the colleges made a record and this fall the governors of these institutions are congratulating themselves and the state on the full ranks. The addition of a dormitory building at Winthrop and the filling of that state institution has not had the effect of injuring other female colleges where tuition is required.

It has been reported that the Columbia Female college, the institution supported by South Carolina Methodists, might be moved from Columbia, but President Daniels says this will not be done, but that additional buildings will probably be erected.

#### Carolina Tobacco Statistics.

A Columbia special says: Five years ago Carolina planters began experimenting with the growth of tobacco. Farmers in nearly every county of the state tried a patch of ground with the weed and the trial has, in its entirety, proved a decided success.

But the work has shown almost conclusively that the plant can be more successfully grown on the rich sandy lands with a clay subsoil near the Great Pee Dee river, in which the counties of Florence, Darlington, Marion, Marlboro, Horry, Clarendon and Williamsburg are numbered. Large warehouses and stemeries have been built for the handling of the crop and the business is conducted as well here as in Danville, Lynchburg, Farmville and other Virginia sections. The crop for the past year was heavy and was sold at an average of 10 cents, yielding the producers \$2,000,000. The crop is put on the market as early as the first week in July and the sales continue until the following April.

The tobacco culture has not materially decreased with the cotton crop that section and in this state is looked upon as an extra money crop, the same as the peach crop is regarded in Georgia.

Tobacco is an expensive and uncertain crop and requires the most careful cultivation and attention. Those who succeed best are the small white farmers who, with the assistance of their wives and children, do all the work. Few can be found who will admit that the crop pays if all the labor is hired and paid for out of the proceeds.

The American Tobacco Company has a buyer in every market and practically fixes the prices from day to day. The South Carolina product is used principally in the manufacture of cigarettes and smoking tobacco, a large proportion of which is shipped to England and Europe.

#### Warrants For "Sightless" Tigers.

The Charleston police department has issued more than one hundred warrants against blind tiger keepers, who will be required to appear before the city court for violating the new anti-lugger ordinance. Recently the department secured the names of all dealers, five hundred or more, and the first cases have been made out on information and belief. The indictments, instead of going to the state court, where the grand jury absolutely refused to return true bills, will be sent before Recorder Jervey. Jury trials in this court will be demanded, however, and it will be left to the people after all to weigh the evidence.

Mayor Smyth has issued orders to the chief of police to see that the new law is enforced, so far as his department is able, although it is not likely that the unlawful traffic will be broken up by any city laws. Unless a better class of jurors are secured the trials will continue to go free, but there will be a reform in the jury system which is expected to bring about better results for law and order. Just now the tigers are worried, as they are uncertain as to the probable outcome of the first hundred cases.

#### To Exhibit Tourist Trains.

Contracts have been awarded in Charleston for the erection of the railway terminals at the exposition grounds, where trains operated by the Southern railway will assist in handling the exposition traffic. The station will be equipped with all modern conveniences, and will occupy a position at the main entrance to the grounds.

## CREAM OF NEWS

Summary of the Most Important Daily Happenings Tensely Told.

The Georgia Soldiers' Home, in the suburbs of Atlanta, was completely destroyed by fire shortly after 8 o'clock Monday morning. All inmates, 72 in number, got out in safety, but all of their little effects were consumed with the building.

"Fighting Bob" Evans was a witness before the naval inquiry court Monday and went over the entire Santiago campaign.

Senate committee at Washington begins investigation of charges against Col. Heistand in connection with alleged Manila hemp combine.

President McKinley's will was probated at Canton Monday. The court appointed Judge Day and Secretary Cortelyou administrators of the estate, which aggregates about \$210,000.

Democrats favoring ratification of new constitution in Alabama are organized and will open the campaign actively this week.

Railroads are preparing a grand display of trains at the Charleston exposition for the observation of winter tourists.

According to a Manila special Company C of the Ninth infantry was almost exterminated by Filipino rebels Saturday. Of the seventy-two men in the company, fifty were killed and eleven wounded.

In a pitched battle between a mob of strikers and policemen in San Francisco Sunday seven men are known to have been shot, one of whom will die.

The guard at the McKinley tomb at Canton claims to have been attacked Sunday night. He fired a shot, and received a knife thrust from a second man prowling about the vault.

Lord Kitchener is banishing captured Boer leaders and confiscating the property of those still in arms. He asks for 25,000 more mounted men.

The people of nineteen Russian provinces are facing starvation owing to the failure of the crops. The government is taking measures to relieve the distress.

Prince Chun, the head of the Chinese expatriate mission to Germany, left Berlin for home Monday. The Kaiser would not permit him to visit other European capitals or the United States.

The empress of Germany is reported to be seriously ill. Professor Oshausen, specialist, has been summoned.

The closeness of the first race between the Columbia and Shamrock greatly raised the hopes of British yachtsmen as to the outcome of the series.

Georgia's department of agriculture has paid into the state treasury \$47,457.19 as receipts for the inspection of fertilizers and oils for the past fiscal year.

Saturday's session of inquiry court developed the fact that Admiral Schley's message was garbled and the original cannot be found.

The yachts Columbia and Shamrock succeeded in making their first race Saturday. The Columbia won, but the Shamrock was dangerously close up.

Another effort has been made by Kentucky officials to secure extradition papers from Governor Durbin of Indiana for W. S. Taylor and Charles Finley.

A riot occurred at Canal Dover, O., late Friday night between non-union men and strikers in which two of the latter were killed.

The United States will pay no money for ransom of Miss Stone, the American missionary held by Bulgarian brigands.

Seth Low has accepted the nomination of the anti-Tammanyites for mayor of New York.

The United States cruiser Cleveland was launched at Bath, Me., Saturday. The vessel was christened by Miss Ruth Hanna, daughter of Senator Mark Hanna.

Owing to light winds the first race between the yachts Shamrock II and the Columbia at Sandy Hook was called off.

The will of the late President McKinley was read to his widow at Canton Friday. He leaves the entire estate, valued at \$250,000, to Mrs. McKinley, but specifies that \$1,000 shall be paid annually to his mother.

Before the Schley court of inquiry Friday a letter was read from Admiral Sampson, asking that counsel might appear for him. The court refused to grant the request.

According to a Paris dispatch Russia, France and Germany have agreed to combine against Turkey.

Venezuela, Ecuador and Nicaragua openly giving aid to Colombian insurgents.

President Roosevelt has assured Congressman Griggs and Mr. R. J. Lowry, Georgians, that he will seek the best men to fill the offices in the south, and in making appointments will give due weight to democratic opinions.

Thirteen prospectors who were camped in a dry ravine in southwest Texas were drowned in a cloudburst. The men were sleeping when the water overwhelmed them.

#### BANISHING BOER LEADERS.

Lord Kitchener Using New Tactics In Attempt to Stop the War.

A pamphlet has been published at Pretoria under Lord Kitchener's authority containing notice of the permanent banishment of several Boer leaders captured since September 15.

A proclamation has also been issued providing for the sale of properties of burghers still in the field in accordance with the terms of Lord Kitchener's previous proclamation.

#### CRAZED LOVER'S CRIME.

Professor Slays Sweetheart Who Rejected His Proposal of Marriage.

At Rolla, Mo., Tuesday night J. S. Crosswell, an instructor at the school of mines and metallurgy, shot Miss Mollie Powell through the heart and killed her almost instantly.

Crosswell was desperately in love with Miss Powell and begged her to marry him, but she always turned a deaf ear to him.

## MCKINLEY WILL READ

Document Is Offered For Probate at Canton, Ohio.

#### WIDOW IS SOLE BENEFICIARY

With Great Effort Mrs. McKinley Bears Up During the Proceedings—Estate Valued at Something Like \$250,000.

Secretary Cortelyou arrived in Canton, O., from Washington Friday morning to assist Mrs. McKinley in disposing of matters connected with the late president's estate. He was at once driven to the McKinley home. After meeting Mrs. McKinley, the question of filing the will was taken up. The trying task of reading it to her was undertaken by the faithful secretary, Mrs. McKinley made a heroic effort to bear up, and succeeded in doing so, although the ordeal was difficult for her. She is resting well.

At 3 o'clock Friday afternoon Judge Day and Secretary Cortelyou went to the office of the probate judge and offered the will of President McKinley for probate. They carried with them the following:

"I, Ida S. McKinley, widow of William McKinley, deceased, hereby declare the administration of the estate, and commend the appointment of William R. Day and George B. Cortelyou as administrators, with the will annexed.

Following is the text of President McKinley's will:

"I publish the following as my latest will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills:

"To my beloved wife, Ida S. McKinley, I bequeath all of my real estate, wherever situated, and the income of any personal property of which I may be possessed at death, during her natural life. I make the following charge upon all my property, both real and personal: To pay my mother during her life \$1,000 a year, and at her death said sum to be paid to my sister, Helen McKinley. If the income from property be insufficient to keep my wife in great comfort and pay the annuity above provided, then I direct that such of my property be sold so as to make a sum adequate for both purposes.

Whatever property remains at the death of my wife I give to my brother and sisters, share and share alike. My chief concern is that my wife, from my estate, shall have all she requires for her comfort and pleasure, and that my mother shall be provided with whatever money she requires to make her old age comfortable and happy.

"Witness my hand and seal, this 22nd day of October, 1897, to my last will and testament made at the city of Washington, D. C.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

"The foregoing will was witnessed by us, this 22nd day of October, 1897, at the request of the testator and his name heretofore in our presence and our signatures hereto in his presence.

"G. B. CORTELYOU,

"CHARLES LOEFFLER."

Will Total \$225,000.

It is given out on authority that the McKinley estate will total \$225,000 to \$250,000, including life insurance of \$67,000. Aside from the \$67,000 mentioned, the estate consists of real estate here and contiguous to Canton, and of deposits in Washington banks.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock has been fixed by the probate court for a hearing prior to probating the will. Then it is expected Secretary Cortelyou and Judge Day will finally be appointed administrators of the estate.

The will is in the president's own handwriting, and is on executive mansion letter paper.

#### BACON TO FILIPINOS.

In Speech Georgia Senator Pledges Freedom When War Ends.

A Manila special says: Senator Bacon, of Georgia, at a banquet Tuesday in Camarines province, said that so soon as the war was finished the United States would extend to the Filipinos freedom as it was known in America.

Representatives Gaines, of Tennessee, and Green, of Pennsylvania, spoke in a similar strain. The republican congressman of the party of legislators visiting the Philippine Islands refrained from speaking.

#### DIED OF BROKEN HEART.

Old Man Cries Himself to Death Over Murder of President McKinley.

Caleb Harvey, an old and wealthy resident of La Porte, Ind., died Thursday as the direct result of grieving over the assassination and death of President McKinley. The physicians who attended Harvey say that he literally cried himself to death.

#### FEMALE EMBEZZLER CAUGHT.

Gay Miss Nellie Boyer, Bookkeeper, Arrested by Boston Police.

Helen or Nellie Boyer, the young woman bookkeeper of the Federal Telephone Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., for whom the Atlanta police were asked to keep a lookout, because she had been heard to say she once lived in Georgia's capital, was arrested in Boston Friday. She is charged with the embezzlement of nearly \$1,000.

#### SAMPSON DENIED COUNSEL.

He Writes Letter to Court Members and Is Turned Down.

In the Seney court of inquiry Friday a letter was presented from Rear Admiral Sampson asking to be allowed to be represented in the court by counsel, but the court refused to grant the request, on the ground that "the court does not at this time regard you as a party to the case."

#### DETAILS ANARCHIST PLOT.

Man Arrested in St. Louis Tells Sensational Story to Police.

Edward Saffig, arrested in St. Louis Monday afternoon, suspected of petty larceny, told Chief of Detectives Desmond that he was one of three men who conspired to assassinate President McKinley at Buffalo on September 6, and that Saffig, tied around Czolgosz's hand the handkerchief that concealed the weapon with which he shot the president. Saffig's story will be investigated.

#### TO CONTROL MCKINLEY MINES.

Company Is Organized at the Pan-American Exposition.

There was organized in Buffalo, N. Y., Friday at the Mines Building, the Pan American exposition mine which will control the mines, located in Whitepine, Nevada. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and will be incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey. Mrs. McKinley will hold \$50,000 worth of the stock.

#### JAIL DELIVERY AT CANTON.

Eight Men Saw Through Bars and Get a Start of Five Minutes.

Eight prisoners broke out of the county jail at Canton, O., Sunday night by sawing the bars over a window opening upon a court between the jail and court house. They had five minutes' start when their absence was discovered. Bloodhounds were immediately put upon the trail.

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## CHOLGOSZ BREAKS DOWN.

On Reaching Auburn Prison Assassins Suddenly Collapse and Give Guards Trouble.

#### FIFTY KILLED BY FILIPINOS

American Troops Surprised While at Breakfast.

#### SAMAR ISLAND THE SCENE

Of Twenty-Two Who Escaped Eleven Were Wounded—All Stores, Rifles and Ammunition of the Americans Were Lost—Disaster Shocked Washington.

A special from Manila says: A disastrous fight between United States troops and insurgents occurred Saturday in the island of Samar, near Balangiga. A large body of insurgents attacked company C, Ninth infantry, only twenty-two members of the company escaping.

All the others are reported to have been killed.

The company were at breakfast when they were attacked and made a determined resistance; but the overwhelming numbers of the insurgents compelled them to retreat.

According to the latest returns the strength of the company was seventy-two. The survivors include Captain Thomas W. Connolly, First Lieutenant Edward A. Bumpus and Dr. R. S. Griswold, surgeon.

Captain Edwin W. Bookmiller, of the Ninth infantry, reports that General Hughes is assembling a force to attack the insurgents.

The insurgents captured all the stores and ammunition of the company and all the rifles except 26.

Saw Service in China. Company C was a portion of the Ninth regiment of United States infantry, which went to China at the time of the boxer outbreak and while there troops went to Manila and were engaged in provost duty in that city. During the past summer a battalion of the Ninth was sent to Samar.

#### Washington Is Shocked.

News of the disastrous fight between troops of the Ninth infantry and the insurgents in the island of Samar was sent promptly by General Hughes commanding in that island, to the War Department during the early hours of Sunday and Adjutant General Corbin realizing its importance, at once made it public, after sending a copy to the White House. General Chaffee's dispatch, which agrees with the Associated Press dispatch, is as follows:

"Manila, September 29.—Adjutant General, Washington: Hughes reports following from Bassey, southern Samar: Twenty-four men Ninth regiment United States infantry—11 wounded—have just arrived from Balangiga; remainder company killed. Insurgents secured all company supplies and all rifles except 12. Company was attacked during morning September 28; company was 72 strong; officers, Thomas W. Connolly (captain), Edward A. Bumpus (first lieutenant), Dr. R. S. Griswold (major surgeon), escaped.

"CHAFFEE."

The news created a sensation in official circles. It was the first severe reverse that has occurred for a long time. Still, the officials were not unprepared for news of just this character. From Samar, in which the revolution started by Aguinaldo still continues. Samar is a country about as large as the state of Ohio and the American forces of occupation number in all between 2,000 and 2,500 men. These are distributed among various posts in the island, a large number being located at the more important centers. Spain never made any effort to occupy Samar, and it only has been for probably three months past that the United States has undertaken that work.

The latest report made by General Hughes to the war department was that the number of insurgent rifles in the island aggregated about three hundred. The Filipinos carried on a guerrilla warfare, and operations against them were difficult. The disaster to Company C occurred, it is believed, while it was engaged in an expedition to clear the country of roving bands of these insurgents. The fact that the Americans were attacked while at breakfast indicates the pluck and daring of the insurgents.

Immediately upon receipt of the dispatch Adjutant General Corbin cabled General Chaffee to send a complete report of the fight and a list of the casualties.

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